21. (Amended) The system according to claim 18, further comprising:

an average generating section which analyzes the information acquired from the product of another user of the same model as that of the product which is the object of claim and generates an average value of each backup data item.

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24. (Amended) The computer program product according to claim 22, wherein the product of the user is a product of another user of a same model as that of a product which is an object of claim.

27. (Amended) The computer program product according to claim 24, wherein said computer-readable program code means further comprising:

computer readable program code means for analyzing the information acquired from the product of another user of the same model as that of the product which is the object of claim and generating an average value of each backup data item.

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analyzing the information acquired from the product of the user and generating an average value of each backup data item.

7. The method according to claim further comprising:

analyzing the information acquired from the product of another user of the same model as that of the product which is an object of claim and generating an average value of each backup data item.

- 8. The method according to claim 1, wherein the backup data item includes a number of copies.
  - 9. The method according to claim 1, wherein the backup data item includes a number of copies in each paper feed stage.
- 10. The method according to claim 1, wherein the backup data item includes an image concentration measurement value.
  - 11. The method according to claim 1, wherein the backup data item includes an exposure set value.
- 20 12. The method according to claim 1, wherein the backup data item includes an automatic concentration adjustment set value.
  - 13. The method according to claim 1, wherein the backup data item includes a drum charge adjustment set value.
  - 14. The method according to claim 1, wherein the backup data item includes a network environment.

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20. The system according to claim 18, further comprising:

an average generating section which analyzes the information acquired from the product of the user and generates an average value of each backup data item.

21. The system according to claim [19], further comprising:

an average generating section which analyzes the information acquired from the product of another user of the same model as that of the product which is the object of claim and generates an average value of each backup data item.

22. A computer program product for providing backup data utilizing a remote maintenance system comprising:

a computer-readable storage medium having computer-readable program code means embodied in said medium, said computer-readable program code means comprising:

20 computer readable program code means for acquiring claim information;

computer readable program code means for generating a necessary backup data item from the claim information; and

computer readable program code means for accessing a product of a user through a network and acquiring information corresponding to the backup data item from

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the product of the user.

23. The computer program product according to claim 22, wherein said computer-readable program code means further comprising:

computer readable program code means for notifying the information acquired from the product of the user to an equipment owned by a person in charge of measures against claims.

- 24. The computer program product according to

  10 claim 22, wherein the product of the user is a product of ANOTHER

  45ER OF A SAME MODEL AS THAT OF A PRODUCT

  Which is an object of claim.
  - 25. The computer program product according to claim 22, wherein the product of the user is a product which is an object of claim and a product of another user of a same model as that of a product which is an object of claim.
  - 26. The computer program product according to claim 24, wherein said computer-readable program code means further comprising:

computer readable program code means for analyzing the information acquired from the product of the user and generating an average value of each backup data item.

27. The computer program product according to claim [25], wherein said computer-readable program code means further comprising:

computer readable program code means for analyzing

the information acquired from the product of another user of the same model as that of the product which is the object of claim and generating an average value of each backup data item.